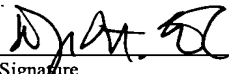


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In The Specification:

Please replace the existing title with the following new title, on the cover page and at the top of page 1: "An Ampoule Opener."

Please replace paragraph **[0001]** with the following new text:

[0001] This application is a continuation of, and claims benefit of, copending Application Serial No. 10/186,115, filed on June 28, 2002, and also claims the benefit of United States provisional patent applications having Serial Nos. 60/316, 462, filed Aug. 31, 2001, and 60,333,199, filed Nov. 16, 2001, which are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties.